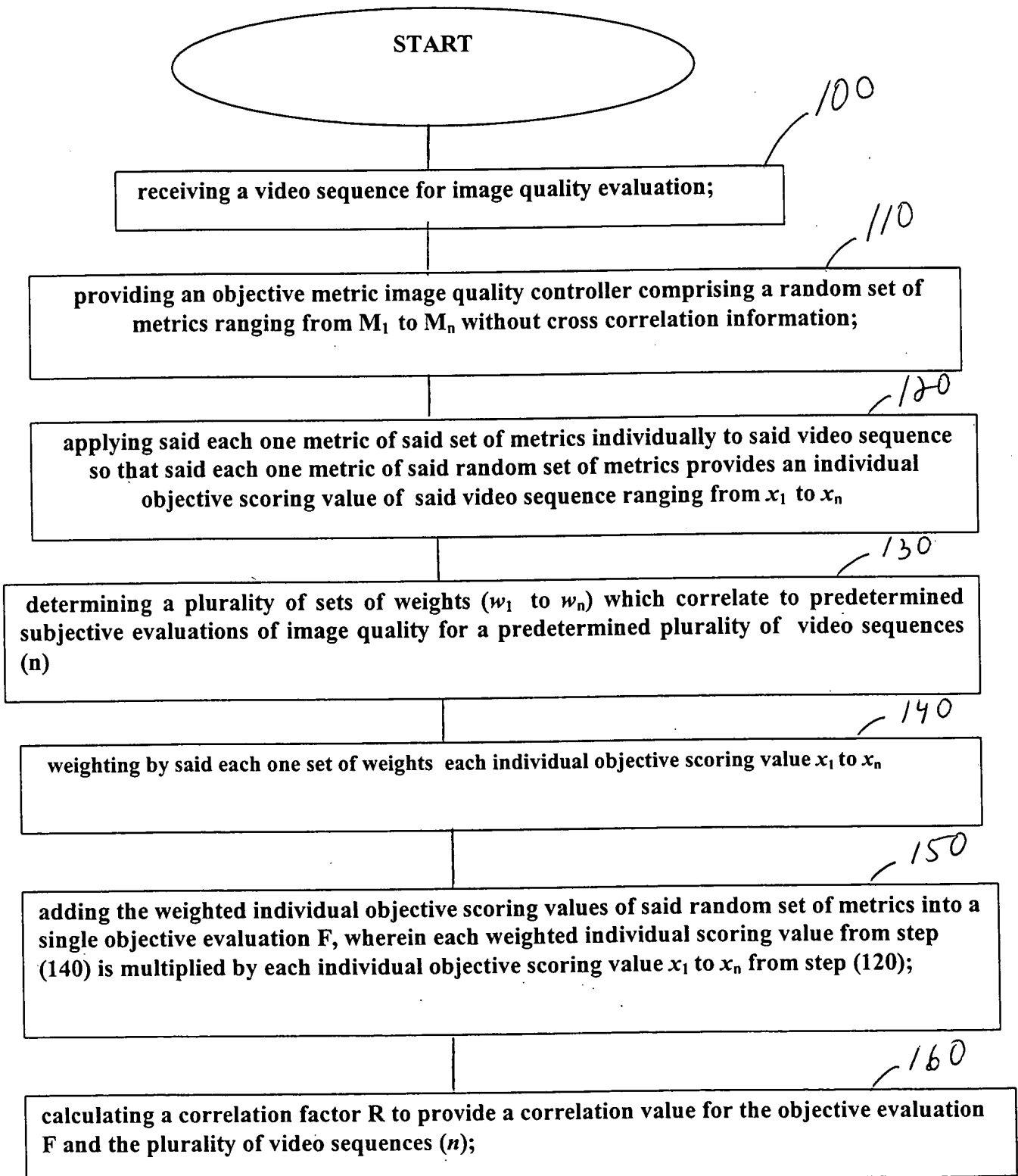


FIG. 1A



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FIG. 1B

repeating steps (140), (150) and (160) for each set of weights provided in step (130) to determine a plurality of correlation factors R;

ranking said plurality of correlation factors R, wherein a particular correlation factor of said plurality of correlation factors having a particular correlation value closest to 1 represents a best ranking of the respective combined metrics in step (140) for each set of weights;

providing image quality information to at least one of a system optimizer and the video processing module as to the best ranking of the respective combined metrics obtained in step (i) to provide a best perceptual image quality

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FIG. 1C

When a predetermined number of sets of metrics= n , the quadratic model to obtain the objective evaluation F is:

$$F = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right)^2, \text{ wherein " } n \text{ " is a non-zero value.}$$

FIG. 1D

when a number of the set of metrics =4, then the quadratic model to obtain the objective evaluation F is:

$$F = w_1 x_1^2 + w_2 x_2^2 + w_3 x_3^2 + w_4 x_4^2 + w_5 x_1 x_2 + w_6 x_1 x_3 + w_7 x_1 x_4 + w_8 x_2 x_3 + w_9 x_2 x_4 + w_{10} x_3 x_4.$$

FIG. 1E

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selecting a best set of weights from the plurality of sets of weights provided in step (130), said best set of weights being heuristically determined by a genetic algorithm that increases dynamically a size of the assigned range of said each one set of weights provided in step (130).

FIG. 1F

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selecting a best set of weights from the plurality of sets of weights provided in step (130), said best set of weights being heuristically determined by a genetic algorithm that enables finding the best solution that maximizes the correlation factor R of the overall objective image quality F with the subjective evaluation without the need to carry out an exhaustive search to find the best set of weights.

FIG. 2

Calculating of the correlation factor R in step (160) by using a Spearman rank order comprising the following equation:

$$R=1 - \frac{6 * (X-Y)^t (X-Y)}{k(k^2-1)} ,$$

wherein X is equal to a vector of ranked k objective values for the k sequences ($k * 1$), and

Y is equal to a vector of ranked k subjective evaluation for the k sequences ($k * 1$).

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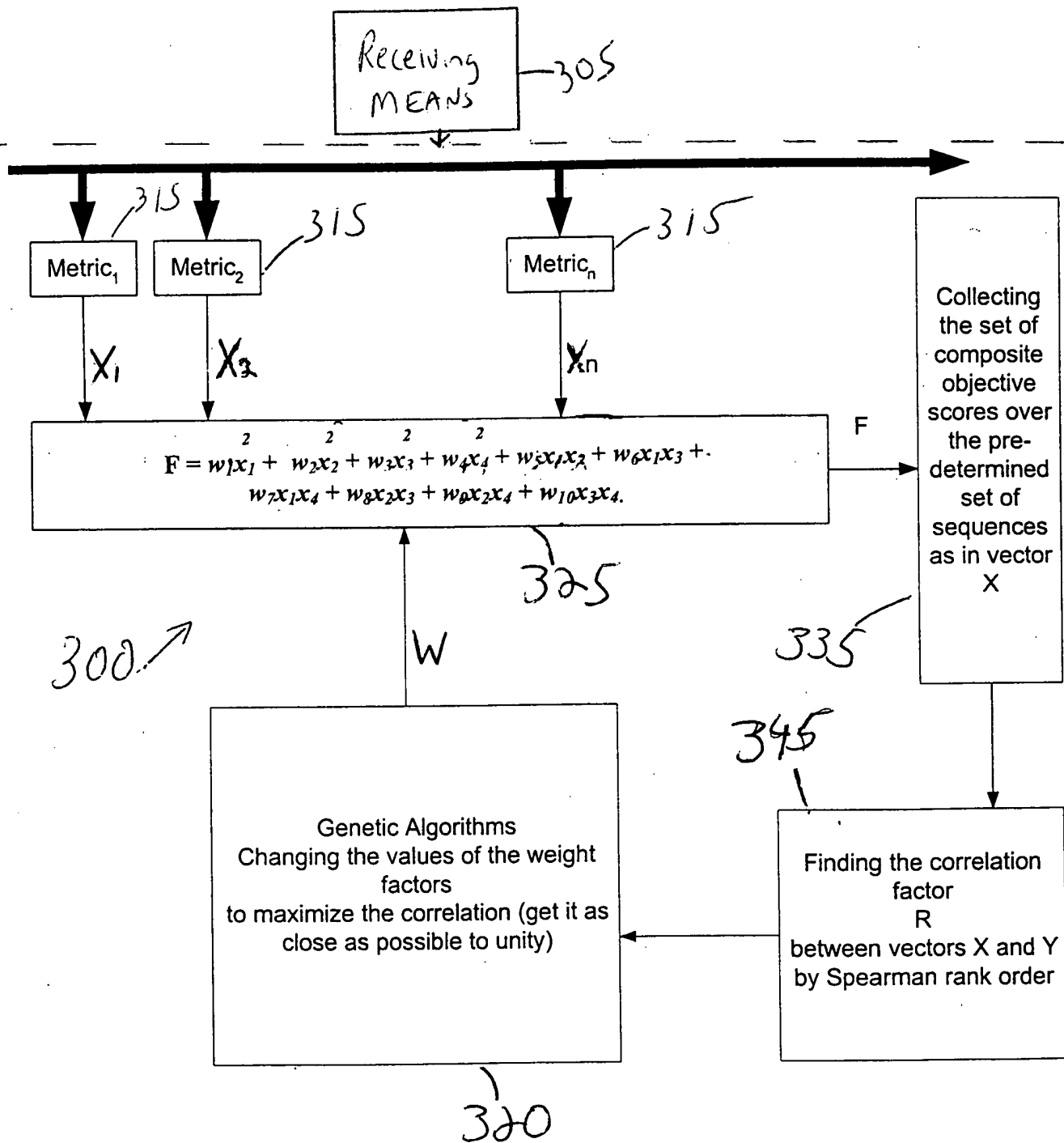


Fig. 3